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ABSTRACT	

IN CONVERSATION WITH ☐ ON 2 AUG ADMIRAL POSER COMMENTED ON UTILITY SUCCESSION. SAID HE WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED BUT CONSIDERED HE HAD NO CHANCE AT SUCCESSION HIMSELF BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWN CONVICTION THAT CATUSK NEEDED REORGANIZATION AND TIGHTER CONTROL. AS OF NOW CHANCELLOR PLANS TO SELECT GENERAL WESSEL FOR POSITION NEXT SPRING BUT DECISION NOT FINAL AND THERE MUCH AGITATION AMONG POLITICAL GROUPS, ESPECIALLY SPD, FAVORING CIVILIAN CANDIDATE. AT PRESENT NO SUITABLE CIVILIAN CANDIDATE AVAILABLE. AMB. SCHNIPPEN-KOETTER IS STRONGEST CIVILIAN CANDIDATE MENTIONED AND MANY PEOPLE INCLUDING POSER THINK HE WILL BE DISASTER. THEREFORE UNLESS SOMEONE STILL COMES UP WITH BETTER POSSIBILITY, WESSEL ALMOST CERTAIN TO GET APPOINTMENT.

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